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MINUTES

Research, Development and Production Review Board MINUTES-OC

I. Meeting #67 of the Research, Development and Production Review Board was held in the OC Conference Room at 1430 hours on 24 April 1957. The following persons were in attendance:

25X1A [redacted]

* Part-Time

II. Under Agenda Item I-1, Old Business:

The Minutes of the Special Meeting on 27 February 1957 were reviewed and the Security Division Member requested that Par. 5, be changed to read as follows: "The Security Representative stated that NSA had requested that we order a number of minor cryptographic Items now, instead of later, in order to keep an existing contract in operation. It was agreed that $40,000 of Commo funds are available for this support."

Note: Copy of the corrected minutes are attached.

III. Under Agenda Item I-2, Old Business:

The Minutes of Meeting #66 were approved, as written, by the Board. The Secretary reviewed the progress being made on obligation of funds for Fiscal Year 1957 and indicated that if expenditures are as predicted, an additional $12,000 may be required. The Budget Officer indicated that these funds may be available.

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IV. Under Agenda Item II-1, New Business:

1. A discussion of the budget revision for Fiscal Year 1958 and of proposed budget for Fiscal Year 1959, was initiated. The O&T representatives indicated that they had not had sufficient time to review the material and therefore requested a delay. The Budget Officer indicated that the budget would have to be kept within the total dollars approved in the estimated 1958 budget,
25X1A namely, [redacted]. Since the proposed budget revision for 1958 exceeds this by a considerable amount, the Board requested that
OC-O&T the O&T and Engineering Divisions, on an Ad Hoc basis, quickly
OC-E review the budget and made recommendations to the Board as to
ACTION which items should be deferred.

2. OC-E, in regard to the budget, noted that since the estimate had been made, considerable increase in development cost has taken place and therefore, keeping within the estimated budget would mean, in effect, reducing development projects considerably below the level which could be satisfactorily carried with the personnel now aboard. It was suggested that in order to prevent a similar situation a year from now, that any items deleted from the 1958 budget be automatically transferred and incorporated in the estimated 1959 budget. The Ad Hoc Committee was directed to take this action in their budget considerations.

V. The meeting adjourned at 1625 hours.

1. At the request of the Chief, O&T, who had been absent during the last part of the meeting, the meeting immediately reconvened to give consideration to a special item. All members, with the exception of the OC-SP representative, were in attendance during the continued meeting.

2. The O&T representative stated that in order to maintain our
25X1C [redacted]

3. This would mean that production units of the AS-3 would have to be available in December 1958.

4. The Secretary indicated to the Board that the current schedule on the AS-3 required the completion of an engineering model which is a non-deliverable item, in July 1957; the completion of the

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first prototype in October 1957; and the completion of the entire development phase in December 1957. As far as is known now, the contractor is on schedule. If the contractor maintains schedule delivery, considering the time required for testing and evaluation, it was indicated that the production program would have to be of crash nature in order to meet the required deadline. It was suggested that consideration should be given to initiating the procurement program as early as possible so that the contractor can start his production planning and fabricating components as soon as they have been firmed up in the development. It was recognized that this would cost additional dollars, probably due to the need for reworking components after the testing program had been completed.

5. The C&T representative indicated that it was recognized that a program of this type would cost considerably more than if the program was continued on a normal basis. He stated that he would discuss with DD/P representatives the need for this crash program and obtain their support agency-wide. The Engineering Division was requested to initiate discussions with the contractor as soon as feasible, working toward a speeded up program. The Board took no formal action on this proposal and the Meeting was adjourned at 1650 hours.

DD-E ACTION

[redacted] 25X1A

Distribution:

25X1A [redacted]
Members and those in attendance
listed in Paragraph I
R&D Internal Projects
R&D External Projects

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